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THE OLD TESTAMENT.

1. The Creation.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place. And it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit. And it was so. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And God made the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly

above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, and every winged fowl. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the



earth. And it was so. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over all the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And God rested on the seventh day

from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

Hebr. 11, 3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

2. Man and the Paradise.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.



And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden. And out of the ground made the LORD to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat

of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Ephes. 4, 24. Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

3. The Fall of Man.



Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of

the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be



desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in

the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.



And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above every beast of the field. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Cursed is the ground for thy sake. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou

return unto the ground; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Rom. 5, 12. By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

4. Cain and Abel.

Adam called his wife's name Eve. And Eve bare Cain, and Abel, his brother. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.



And it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his

offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth and his countenance fell.

And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.

And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel, thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? Thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath received thy brother's blood from thy hand. The ground shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod.

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth. And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters; and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

1 John 3, 15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

5. The Flood.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, that the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh. I will destroy man from the face of the earth. Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. He was a just man and walked with God. And God said unto Noah, Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth. Everything that is in the earth shall die. But with thee I will establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark. And he went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark. Of beasts there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, as God had commanded. And the Lord shut him in.

The same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. And the waters increased and bare up the ark. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And every living substance was destroyed

which was upon the face of the ground. Noah alone remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

And God remembered Noah, and made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged. And the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

And Noah sent forth a raven, which went to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also



he sent forth a dove from him; but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; and the dove came in to him; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf. And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. And Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth out of the ark. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his

wife, and his sons' wives with him; and every beast went forth.

And Noah built an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings. And the LORD said, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them,



Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Psalm 5, 5. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

1 John 2, 17. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

6. The Tower of Babel.

By the sons of Noah were the nations divided in the earth after the flood. And the whole earth was of one language. And as they journeyed from the east, they found a plain; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us build a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven: and let us make us a name.

And the LORD came down and said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and now nothing



will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel, because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth.

Luke 1, 51. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

7. Abraham.

Now the LORD said unto Abraham, a descendant of Shem, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

So Abraham departed, and Lot, his brother's son, went with him; and into the Land of Canaan they came. And



the LORD appeared unto Abraham, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land. And there he built an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

And Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abraham, saying, Fear not, Abraham: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abraham said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go child-

less? And the LORD said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them; so shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

And when Abraham was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared unto him, and said, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto



thee, and to thy seed after thee. This is my covenant; Every man child in your generations that is eight days old, shall be circumcised.

And the LORD appeared unto Abraham, and he sat in the tent door. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him; and he ran to meet them, and bowed himself toward the ground, and said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant. I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts. And they said, So

do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf, and set it before them; and they did eat.

And they said unto him, Where is Sarah, thy wife? And he said, In the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee; and, lo, Sarah, thy wife, shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him, and laughed within herself. And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh? Is anything too hard for the LORD? Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Hebr. 11, 8. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

8. Sodom and Gomorrah.

And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham; and the two angels came to Sodom at eve; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. And he pressed upon them greatly, and they turned in unto him. And he made them a feast, and they did eat.

But before they lay down, the men of the city of Sodom compassed the house around, both old and young; and they called unto Lot, and said, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out unto them, and said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. And they said, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and

he will needs be a judge! And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out



of this place. For the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot. And while he lingered, they laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters, and they brought him forth without the city. And the LORD said, Escape thy life; look not behind thee.

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven. And

he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Prov. 14, 34. Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

9. The Offering of Isaac.

And Sarah bare Abraham a son at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son Isaac, and circumcised him being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

And God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham saw the place afar off. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac said, My father, behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.

And they came to the place; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood; and stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham! Lay not thine hand upon the lad; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and he offered him in the stead of his son.

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn,



saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Matt. 10, 37. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

10. Isaac blesseth his Children.

Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife. And she bare twins. The first was red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. His brother's name was called Jacob. And the boys grew:

and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

And when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called his eldest son, and said unto him, My son, takē me some venison, and make me savory meat, such as I love; that my soul may bless thee before I die. And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau, and she spake unto Jacob, Go now, and fetch me



two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory meat for thy father, such as he loveth; and thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may bless thee before his death. And he went and fetched; and his mother made savory meat. And Rebekah took goodly raiment of Esau, and put them upon Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck. And she gave the savory meat into the hand of Jacob.

And he came unto his father, and said, My father! And he said, Who art thou, my son? Jacob said, I am

Esau; arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said, Come near, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, and said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat. And Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, Be lord over thy brethren. Cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of his father, when Esau came in from his hunting. And he also made savory meat, and brought it unto his father, and said, Let my father eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. And his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. And Esau said, Bless me also, O my father. And he lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac answered, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth. By thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother.

Hebr. 11, 20. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

11. Jacob's Ladder.

And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing, and said, I will slay my brother Jacob. And these words were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob, and said, Flee thou to Laban, my brother, and tarry with him, until

thy brother's fury turn away. And Isaac called Jacob, and said unto him, God Almighty bless thee, and give thee the blessing of Abraham.

And Jacob went out, and lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it



reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob took the stone and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the LORD be my God, and this stone shall be God's house.

And Jacob came to Laban, and served him fourteen years for his daughter Leah and Rachel; and after this he served him another six years for cattle: and Jacob increased exceedingly. And God spake unto Jacob, Arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred; and I will be with thee. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels, and came unto Isaac his father, in Canaan.

John 1, 51. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

12. Joseph and his Brethren.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin.

Joseph being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, and he made him a coat of many colors. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren, and said, Hear this dream which I have dreamed: We were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us?

Or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet more. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren and said, I have dreamed, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And his father rebuked him, and said, Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. And Israel said unto Joseph, Go, I pray thee,



see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks. And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Let us slay him, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams. And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness.

And when Joseph was come unto his brethren, they stripped him out of his coat of many colors, and they cast

him into a pit; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread. And they looked, and behold, a company of merchantmen came with their camels. And Judah said, Come, and let us sell our brother. And they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver; and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes, and returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; and they sent it to their father, and said, This have we found; know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

And Jacob mourned for his son many days, and refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning.

James 3, 16. Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

13. Joseph's Purity.

The Midianites sold Joseph into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man, and the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand; and Potiphar made him overseer over his house.

And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favored. And his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto her, How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against

God? And when his lord came home, she spake unto him, saying, The Hebrew servant came in unto me to mock me. And Potiphar's wrath was kindled, and he put him into the prison.

But the LORD was with Joseph, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison; and he committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners.

And the butler of the king and his baker had offended their lord. And Pharaoh was wroth against them, and put



them into the prison, where Joseph was bound. And they dreamed a dream both of them in one night. And Joseph came in unto them, and asked them, Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day? And they said, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you. And they told him their dreams; and he interpreted them. And as he interpreted to them, so it was.

2 Tim. 2, 22. Flee also youthful lusts.

14. Joseph's Advancement.

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed; and behold, he stood by the river. And there came up out of the river seven well favored kine and fattleshed. And seven other kine came up, ill favored and leanfleshed; and they did eat up the seven well favored and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. And he slept and dreamed the second time: and seven ears of



corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And seven thin and blasted ears sprung up after them. And in the morning Pharaoh sent and called for all the magicians in Egypt, and told them his dreams; but there was none that could interpret them.

Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, Pharaoh put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker: and there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, and he interpreted to us our dreams. And as he interpreted to us, so it was. Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and said to him,

I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it; and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered, It is not in me; God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. And Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams.

And Joseph said, The dream of Pharaoh is one. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt; and there shall arise after them seven years of famine. Now therefore let Pharaoh look



out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt; and let him take up the fifth part of the land in the seven plenteous years; and that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine.

And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and he said unto Joseph, For as much as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art. See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him

to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee!

And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt; and he gathered up all the food of the seven years of plentifulness, as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering. And the seven years of dearth began to come; and the dearth was in all lands, but in Egypt there was bread. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn.

Psalm 97, 11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

15. First Journey of Joseph's Brethren.

Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, he said unto his sons, Behold, there is corn in Egypt;



get you down thither, and buy for us; that we may live and not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down. And they came and bowed themselves before him. And

Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them; but they knew him not.

And Joseph spake roughly unto them, and said, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. We are true men, thy servants are no spies. We are twelve brethren, the sons of one man; and the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. And Joseph said unto them, Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you. And he put them all together into ward three days.

And Joseph said unto them the third day, If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison; but ye go, and bring your youngest brother unto me, so shall your words be verified. And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. And he turned himself about from them, and wept. Then he took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. And Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn; and they departed thence.

And they came unto their father, and told him all that befell unto them. And Jacob said, Benjamin shall not go down with you; if mischief befall him by the way, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

Jer. 2, 19. Know and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the LORD God of hosts.

16. The Second Journey.

When they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Go again, buy us a little food. And Judah said, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. Therefore send the lad with me; I will be surety for him. And their father said unto them, If it must be so now, do so. And God Almighty give you mercy before the man.

And they rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. And Joseph said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, for they shall dine with me at noon. And the man did so, and he brought Simeon out unto them. And when Joseph came home, he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well? Is he yet alive? And they answered, Our father is in good health; he is yet alive. And he saw his brother Benjamin, and said, Is this your younger brother? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. And Joseph made haste for his bowels did yearn upon his brother; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. And they sat before him, the first born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marvelled one at another. And he took and sent messes unto them from before him; but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs.

And Joseph commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, and put my silver cup in the sack's mouth of the youngest. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. And when the men were gone out of the city, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men, and say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? Is not this

it in which my lord drinketh? Ye have done evil in so doing. And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words. And they said unto him, With whomsoever the cup be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen. And he said, He with whom it is found shall be my servant, and ye shall be blameless. And every man opened his sack; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. Then they rent their clothes, and returned to the city.



And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this ye have done? And Judah said, Behold, we are my lord's servant, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found. And he said, The man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father. Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, when I come to my father, and the lad be not with us, we shall bring down the gray hairs of our father with sorrow to the grave. For I became surety for the lad; therefore let me abide instead of the lad.

Then Joseph could not refrain himself, and wept aloud, and said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said, Come near to me, I pray you. I am Joseph, your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, for God sent me before you to save your lives. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto



him, Thus sayeth thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not, I will nourish thee. Haste, and bring down my father hither. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; moreover he kissed all his brethren.

Col. 3, 13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

17. Jacob in Egypt.

And Joseph gave his brethren wagons and provision for the way. To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. So he sent his brethren away, and he said, See that ye fall not out by the way. And they came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob, their father, and told him, Joseph is yet alive,



and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. But he believed them not. Then they told him all the words of Joseph. And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, he said, It is enough; Joseph, my son, is yet alive; I will go, and see him before I die.

And Israel took his journey to Egypt with all that he had. And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph. And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet his father, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have

seen thy face, because thou art yet alive. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren in the land of Egypt with bread; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

And the time drew nigh that Israel must die, and he called his sons together, and blessed them, and was gathered unto his people. And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Forgive the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him, and said, As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

Isa. 28, 29. This also cometh from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

18. The Birth of Moses and his Flight.

And Joseph died, and all his brethren. And the children of Israel increased abundantly and multiplied, and the land was filled with them. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come on, let us deal wisely with them.

And they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river.

And a woman of the house of Levi bare a son; and she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the

child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river. And when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion with him.



Then said his sister, Shall I call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses.

When Moses was grown, he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens; and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he slew the

Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh.

Hebr. 11, 24. 25. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

19. Moses Called.

Now Moses kept the flock of the priest in Midian, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire



out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And the LORD called unto him out of the bush, and said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them unto a land flowing with milk and honey. Come now there-

fore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people out of Egypt. And Moses said, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee.

And Moses answered, But, behold, they will not believe me. And the LORD said, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. And the LORD said, Take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand. And the LORD said furthermore, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, Put it into thy bosom again. And he put it in again; and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. If they will not believe these two signs, thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land; and the water shall become blood.

And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said, Go, and I will teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron thy brother? I know that he can speak well. He shall be thy spokesman unto the people.

And Moses went. And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed; and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Jerem. 1, 7. 8. Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

20. The Children of Israel Move out of Egypt.

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. Get you unto your burdens. And Pharaoh did evil to this people. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they showed the miracles, as the



LORD had commanded. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them.

And the LORD brought nine plagues upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians; but Pharaoh hardened his heart, and refused to let the people go. And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, Take every man a lamb according to the house of their father's, a lamb without blemish; and ye shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side

posts, and on the upper door post of the houses; and they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning. And thus shall ye eat it: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat in haste, for it is the LORD's pass-over. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn, both man and beast. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses;



when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you. And this day ye shall keep a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. And the children of Israel did as the LORD had commanded.

And at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. And there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they

might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

And the children of Israel went out of the land of Egypt, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light.

And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled; and he pursued after them with horses, and chariots, and horsemen, and overtook them encamping by the sea. And the children of Israel were sore afraid, and cried out unto the LORD. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not; the LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. And the angel of God removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel, so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them. And the LORD troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea. And the sea returned to his strength; and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh; there remained not so much as one of them.

Hebr. 11, 29. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land; which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

21. The Giving of the Law.

So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness. And the whole congregation murmured against Moses and Aaron, and said, Ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. Then said the LORD unto Moses, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; I will rain bread from heaven for you.

And at even the quails came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said, It is manna. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. And it was white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited.

In the third month when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai, and there camped before the mount. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, and sanctify the people, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day.

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud, so that all the people trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and the whole mount quaked greatly. And the voice of the trumpet waxed

louder and louder. And God spake all the words, even the ten commandments.

And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and they removed, and stood afar off. And



they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

And Moses went up into the mount, and was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Acts 7, 53. Ye have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

22. The Golden Calf.

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, they gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said, Break off the golden

earrings, and bring them unto me. And he received them at their hand, and made a molten calf. And they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And they offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down, for thy people have corrupted themselves. I have seen this people, and it is a stiffnecked people. Now therefore let



me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them. And Moses besought the LORD, and said, LORD, turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

And Moses went down from the mount, and two tables were in his hand. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. And as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing, Mose's anger waxed hot; and

he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them. And he took the calf, and burnt it, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? Let him come to me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Slay every man his brother, his companion, and his neighbor. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

And Moses hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up unto mount Sinai, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And he wrote upon the tables the ten commandments.

And when Moses came down from the mount, the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

1 Cor. 10, 7. Neither be ye idolators, as were some of them; as is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

23. The Journey in the Wilderness.

And the children of Israel removed from the desert of Sinai. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan: of every tribe of their fathers a man. And Moses sent them. And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff. And they returned after forty days, and said, We came unto the land, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. But we be not able to go up against the people; for they

are stronger than we. We were as grasshoppers in their sight.

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would God we had died in this wilderness! Let us make a captain, and return into Egypt. And Joshua and Caleb which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes, and said, The land is an exceeding good land. If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us



into this land; only rebel not ye against the LORD. But all the congregation bade stone them with stones.

And the glory of the LORD appeared before all the children of Israel. And the LORD said, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel against me. As ye have spoken, so will I do to you. All that were numbered of you from twenty years old upward, doubtless ye shall not come into the land, save Caleb and Joshua. But your little ones will I bring in. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years; and ye shall know

my breach of promise. And the men, which Moses sent to search the land died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua and Caleb lived still.

And the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way, and spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and



they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

And Moses went up unto the mountain of Nebo. And the LORD showed him all the land. So Moses the servant

of the LORD died. And he buried him; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre. And the children of Israel wept for Moses thirty days.

Hebr. 4, 1. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

24. Joshua.

Now after the death of Moses the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Now arise, go over this Jordan unto the land which I do give to the children of Israel. Unto this people shalt thou divide the land. Only be thou strong and very courageous. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan. And when the people removed from their tents, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests were dipped in the brim of the water, the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far, and those that came down toward the salt sea, failed, and were cut off. And all the Israelites passed over on dry ground. And when the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed as they did before. And the children of Israel kept the passover; and they did eat of the old corn of the land. And the manna ceased.

Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel. And the LORD said unto Joshua, See,

I have given into thine hand Jericho. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat.

And so they did. And on the seventh day they compassed the city seven times. And at the seventh time,



when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout. So the people shouted; and the wall fell down flat, and they took the city, and burnt it with fire.

And the five kings of the Amorites gathered themselves together. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not, for I have delivered them into thine hand. Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly. And the LORD discomfited them before Israel. And as they fled from before Israel, the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them, and they died. They were more

which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still. And the sun stood still, and hasted not to go down about a whole day, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.



And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it and dwelt therein. There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Hebr. 11, 30. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.

25. Samuel.

Now there was a certain man, and his name was Elkanah. And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD and wept sore, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life. And as she continued praying before the LORD, Eli the priest marked her mouth. And Eli thought she had been drunken, and said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? And Hannah answered, and said, I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. Eli said, Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition.

And the LORD remembered Hannah. And she bare a son, and called his name Samuel. And when she had weaned him, she took him to Eli unto the house of the LORD. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli, the priest.

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial. But Samuel was in favor both with the LORD, and also with men. Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did. And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father.

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Thou honorest thy sons above me. Them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Thy two sons, in one day they shall die both of them.

And Samuel was laid down to sleep in the temple of the LORD. And the LORD called Samuel. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel! And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. And the LORD called Samuel again the third

time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child, and he said, Go, lie down; and if he call thee, thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD called as at other times, Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house,



for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? And Samuel told him every whit. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle. And the two sons of Eli were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And Israel was smitten; and the ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli were slain. And there ran a man out of the army to Eli, and said, Israel is

fled, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people; and thy two sons are dead; and the ark of God is taken. And when he made mention of the ark of God, Eli fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died.

Prov. 13, 24. He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

26. Saul.

Now when Samuel was old, all the elders of Israel came to him, and said, Make us a king to judge us like all nations. But the thing displeased Samuel. And the LORD said unto him, Hearken unto the voice of the people; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh, and said, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Ye have this day rejected your God. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands. And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, Saul the son of Kish was taken; and when they sought him, he could not be found. Therefore they inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. And they ran, and fetched him thence. And when he stood among the people, all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

Then the Ammonites came up, and encamped against Jabesh. And the spirit of God came upon Saul, and he sent messengers throughout all the coasts of Israel. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people; and they came out with one consent, and slew the Ammonites, so that two of them were not left together.

Samuel also said unto Saul, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not. And Saul smote the Amalekites. But he and the people spared the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and all that was good; but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king, for he hath not performed my commandments.



And when Samuel came to Saul, Saul said unto him, I have performed the commandment of the LORD. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, The people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said, Wherefore didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he

laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said to him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou.

Psalm 118, 8. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

27. David and Goliath.

And the LORD said unto Samuel, Go to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons. Then Samuel anointed David in the midst of his brethren. And the Spirit of the LORD came upon David; but the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit troubled him. And Saul sent unto Jesse, and said, Send me David, thy son. And David came to Saul. And when the evil spirit was upon Saul, David took an harp, and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle. Then David went, and returned to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And the weight of his coat of mail was five thousand shekels of brass, and the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam.

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I kill him, then shall ye be our servants. When Saul and all Israel heard these words, they were greatly afraid. And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

And Jesse said unto David, his son, Run to the camp, and look how thy brethren fare. And David ran into the

army, and came, and saluted his brethren. And, behold, there came up the champion, and spake according to the same words. And David said, Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him.

And David said to Saul, Thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said, Thou art not able to



go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. David said, The LORD will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David assayed to go; and he said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff, and five smooth stones out of the brook, and his sling was in his hand; and he drew near

to the Philistine. And when the Philistine saw David, he said, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? Then said David, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

And David took a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. And David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and Judah pursued them; and the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way.

Psalm 147, 10. 11. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

28. David's Fall and Confession.

After the death of Saul all the tribes of Israel came to David; and they anointed David king over Israel.

And David sent Joab and his servants with him; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David walked upon the roof of the king's house; and he saw Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, washing herself. And David sent messengers, and took her, and lay with her.

And David wrote a letter to Joab. And he wrote, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

And Joab assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab; and there fell some of the servants of David, and Uriah died also.

And when the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

But the thing displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent



Nathan unto David. And he said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb. It did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveler unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

And David's anger was greatly kindled, and he said, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing

shall surely die. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thou hast slain Uriah with the sword of the children of Ammon, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD hath also put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child that is born to thee shall surely die. And on the seventh day the child died.

Psalm 51, 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

29. Absalom.

In all Israel there was none to be so much praised for his beauty as Absalom the son of David: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. And Absalom stood beside the way of the gate; and when any man came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. Oh, that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

And Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD in Hebron. And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom

reigneth in Hebron. And the people increased continually with Absalom.

And there came a messenger and told David. And David said unto all his servants, Arise, and let us flee from Absalom, lest he overtake us suddenly, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. And the king went forth, and passed over the brook Kidron, and went up by the ascent of Mount Olivet, and wept; and he went barefoot. And all the people went up with him, weeping with a loud voice.



And, behold, thence came out of the house of Saul a man, whose name was Shimei; and he cursed as he came. And he cast stones at David, and said, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial. Then said Abishai, Let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. And the king said, Let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David.

And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem. Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan. And

Absalom also passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. And David numbered the people, and set captains over them; and the king commanded the captains, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.

So the people went out into the field; and the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule; and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. Then Joab took three darts, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom. And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him.

When the king heard this, he was much moved, and wept, and thus he said, O my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee! O Absalom, my son, my son!

Prov. 19, 26. He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

30. King Solomon.

So David slept with his fathers, and Solomon sat upon the throne of David, his father. And Solomon loved the LORD.

And the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, O LORD my God, I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad. And the speech pleased the LORD, and God said to him, Behold, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; and I have

also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, then I will lengthen thy days. And Solomon was wiser than all men.

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem. And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, and covered the floor with planks of fir. And Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold, and also the floor he overlaid with gold. He was seven years in building the house.

And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon; and the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the most holy place. And when the priests were come out of the holy place, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, and he said, LORD God of Israel, behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house! Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day. When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy; if there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, whatsoever plague or sickness there be, and they make supplication unto thee in this house, then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and forgive thy people that have sinned against thee.

And Solomon arose from before the altar of the LORD, and blessed all the congregation of Israel. And Solomon offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him.

James 1, 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God; and it shall be given him.

31. The Prophet Elijah.

Ahab was king of Israel. And he served Baal, and did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. And Elijah, the prophet, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Hide



thyself by the brook Cherith; I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he did according unto the word of the LORD.

And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and in the evening.

And the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee to Zarephath; behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he went to Zarephath. And behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks; and he called to her, and said, Fetch

me, I pray thee, a little water, that I may drink. And as she was going, he called to her, and said, Bring me a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse. Elijah said unto her, Fear not; for thus saith the LORD, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD.

After these things the son of the woman fell sick, that there was no breath left in him. And Elijah said unto her, Give me thy son. And he cried unto the LORD. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

Psalm 33, 18. 19. Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

32. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal.

And the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. And Elijah went. And Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal. So Ahab gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, Give us two bullocks; and let the prophets of Baal choose one bullock for themselves, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under, and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and ye call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the



name of the LORD; and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered, It is well spoken.

And the prophets of Baal took the bullock, and they dressed it, and called from morning even until noon, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud, for he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves with knives, till the blood gushed out upon them. But there was neither voice, nor any to answer.

And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And he built an altar, and made a trench about the altar, and laid the bullock on the wood, and said, Fetch water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice. And the water ran around the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And Elijah said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant. Hear me, O LORD, hear me. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces, and said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; and they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. And in the mean while the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.

Matt. 4, 10. Thou shalt worship the LORD thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

33. Elijah's Ascension.—Elisha.

When the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven, Elijah said unto Elisha, his servant, Ask, what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

And as they went on, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My

father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more.

And he took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and stood by the bank of Jordan, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? And the waters parted hither and thither, and Elisha went over.



And the sons of the prophets which were at Jericho said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.

And he went from thence unto Bethel; and there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, My husband is dead; and thou knowest that he did fear the LORD; and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. Elisha said, What hast thou in thy house? And she said, Not anything, save a pot of oil. Then he

said, Go borrow thee empty vessels of all thy neighbors; borrow not a few. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee, and shalt pour out into all those vessels. So she went, and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. And when the vessels were full, she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel.



He said, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. Then she told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

2 Tim. 4, 7. 8. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

34. The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace.

Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babel made an image of gold, and sent to gather all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image. And they stood before the image. Then a herald cried aloud, O people, at

what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, ye shall fall down and worship the golden image. And whoso falleth not down, shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Therefore when they heard the sound of the cornet, all the people fell down and worshiped the golden image. At that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. They spake, O king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, have not regarded thee; they worship not the golden image.



Then Nebuchadnezzar said, If ye worship not the image, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? They answered and said to the king, Our God is able to deliver us. But if not, be it known unto thee, that we will not worship the golden image. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. Then these men were bound and cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. And because the furnace was exceeding

hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up the three men.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and said, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and said, Ye servants of the most high God, come forth. Then they came forth of the midst of the fire. And not an hair of their head was singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill.

Matt. 10, 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

35. Daniel in the Lions' Den.

And king Darius, the Median, set over the whole kingdom three presidents, of whom Daniel was first. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel; but they could find no fault, forasmuch as he was faithful. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except concerning the law of his God.

Then these princes assembled together to the king, and said, King Darius, all the presidents and the princes have consulted together to establish a royal statute, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Wherefore king Darius signed the decree.

Now Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled and found Daniel



praying and making supplication before his God, and spake before the king, and said, That Daniel regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and commanded; and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went

to his palace, and passed the night fasting; and his sleep went from him.

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions; and cried with a lamentable voice, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den.

And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. Then king Darius wrote unto all people, Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God.

Isa. 41, 10. Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THE NEW TESTAMENT.

1. Zacharias.

There was in the days of King Herod a certain priest named Zacharias, and his wife was Elisabeth. They were both righteous before God. And they had no child, and they both were now well stricken in years.

And it came to pass, that his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the LORD. And the



whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the LORD standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias, for thy

prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. He shall be great in the sight of the LORD; and he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.

And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? The angel answered, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to show thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words.

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them; and he beckoned unto them and remained speechless.

Mal. 3, 1. Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me.

2. The Annunciation of Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the LORD is with thee; blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called

the Son of the Highest. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? The angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be



called the Son of God. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Gen. 3, 15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

3. The Visitation of Mary.

And Mary arose in those days, and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost; and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my LORD should come to me?



Blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the LORD.

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the LORD, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Now the angel of the LORD appeared unto Joseph in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the LORD had bidden him, and took unto him his wife.

Isa. 7, 14. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

4. The Birth of John Baptist.

Now Elisabeth brought forth a son. And her neighbors and her cousins heard how the LORD had showed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.



And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so;

but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John.

And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And all they that heard this, laid it up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the LORD was with him.

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the LORD to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins.

Isa. 40, 3. The voice of him that cryeth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

5. The Nativity of Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was out of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in



swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

John 3, 16. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

6. The Announcement of the Birth of Christ.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the LORD. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the LORD hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.



And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Isa. 9, 6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. The Circumcision and Presentation of Christ.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the LORD.



And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the LORD'S Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple.

And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, he took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all

people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Gal. 4, 4. 5. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

8. The Wise Men from the East.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod, the king, had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea; for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding

great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their country another way.

Isa. 60, 3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

9. The Flight of Christ to Egypt.

When the wise men were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, from two years old and under.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the LORD appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,



Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel; for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel, and dwelt in a city called Nazareth.

Hos. 11, 1. I called my son out of Egypt.

10. The Child Jesus in the Temple.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned,

the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

And after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them,



and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed. And his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth,

and was subject to them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Col. 2, 3. In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

11. The Baptism of Christ.

Now the word of God came unto John in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan,



preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, and saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Then cometh Jesus unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and prayed; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2 Cor. 5, 21. God hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

12. The Temptation of Christ.

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy God

Again the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the LORD thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.



Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Hebr. 4, 15. We have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

13. The Marriage in Cana.

And there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do

with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made



wine, and knew not whence it was, the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

John 1, 14. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

14. Peter's Draught of Fishes.

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Genesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.



Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O LORD. For he was astonished at the draught of the fishes; and so was also James and John, which were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Psalm 127, 2. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

15. The Centurion of Capernaum.

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying,



LORD, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof;

but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Hebr. 11, 1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

16. Jesus stilleth the Tempest.



And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep.

And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, LORD, save us; we perish.

And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Matt. 28, 18. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

17. Christ curing one sick of the Palsy.

And he passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus seeing their faith said unto



the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to

say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, then saith he to the sick of the palsy, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house.

But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Matt. 16, 19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

18. The Youth at Nain.

And it came to pass afterward, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with



him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her.

And when the LORD saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier; and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

And there came a fear on all; and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumor of him went forth throughout all Judaea, throughout all the region round about.

John 5, 21. As the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

19. The Death of John Baptist.

Herod had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not. For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper; and when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John, the Baptist. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John, the Baptist.

And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an execu-



tioner; and he beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother.

And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb, and gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things.

Rev. 2, 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

20. Christ feedeth Five Thousand Men.

After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence



shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him; for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. Andrew saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the dis-

ciples, and the disciples to them that were sat down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Matt. 6, 33. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

21. Christ walketh on the Sea.

When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him king, he constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray. And his disciples went down unto the sea, and entered into a ship. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves.

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And he would have passed by them. And when they saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked

on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, LORD, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?



And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. And immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. Then they that were in the ship came and worshiped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Jer. 17, 9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

22. The Woman of Canaan.

Then Jesus departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O LORD, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word.

And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Then came she and worshiped him, saying, LORD, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to the dogs. And



she said, Truth, LORD; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table.

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Gen. 32, 26, 28. I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
—As a prince hast thou power with God and with men,
and hast prevailed.

23. One Thing is Needful.

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village; and a certain woman, named Martha, received him into her house. And she had a sister, called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, LORD, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she



help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful. And Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

John 14, 6. I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

24. The Prodigal Son.

And Jesus said, A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto

them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.



And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against

heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15, 10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

25. The Pharisee and the Publican.

Jesus spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:



Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers,

or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me, a sinner.

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Rom. 3, 28. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

26. Christ blesseth the Children.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased,



and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter

therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Acts 2, 38. 39. Peter said, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children.

27. Zacchaeus.

Jesus passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man, named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus



who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus said unto the LORD, Behold, LORD, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

1 Tim. 1, 15. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

28. Christ rideth into Jerusalem.

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village



over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The LORD hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of

Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD; Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 24, 7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

29. The Mite of the Widow.

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many



that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith

unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

2 Cor. 8, 12. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

30. The last Judgment.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations. And he shall separate them one from another, as a shep-



herd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was

an hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, LORD, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, LORD, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

Acts 17, 31. God hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained.

31. The Institution of the Holy Supper.

Jesus said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

Then entered Satan into Judas Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went unto the chief priests, and said, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted to give him thirty



pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also he took the cup when he had supped; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

1 Cor. 10, 16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

32. The Passion of Christ in Gethsemane.

And Jesus went forth over the brook Kidron to the mount of olives; and his disciples also followed him. Then said he unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night. Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Then cometh Jesus with them to a place which was named Gethsemane; and he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sorrowful and sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death; tarry ye here and watch with me. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me; nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

And he cometh to his disciples, and findeth them sleeping, and saith, Simon, sleepest thou? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the

second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed



more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

Psalm 22, 6. I am a worm, and no man.

33. The Apprehension of Christ.

And while he spake, lo, Judas came, and with him a great multitude, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, with lantern and torches, with swords and

staves. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely.

Jesus went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have



told you that I am he; if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way.

And forthwith Judas came to him, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the

sword. Thinkest thou that I can not pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? And he touched his ear, and healed him.

Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Psalm 41, 9. Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

34. Christ before Caiaphas.

Then the band and the officers of the Jews bound Jesus and led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders all were assembled.

The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world. Ask them which heard me. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou me?

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death, but found none; yea, though many false witnesses came, yet their witness agreed not together.

And the high priest asked him, and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith, Thou hast said; I am. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? And they all condemned him, and said, He is guilty of death.

And the men that held Jesus, mocked him, and spat in his face, and buffeted him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and said, Proph-

esy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

Isa. 50, 6. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

35. Peter denieth Jesus. Death of Judas.

Peter followed Jesus afar off unto the high priest's palace. And the servants and officers had made a fire of coals; and they warmed themselves; and Peter stood with them to see the end. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this



man's disciples? But he denied before them all, saying, Woman, I am not.

And after a little while, he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And another maid saw him, and said unto them that stood by, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And another said, Thou art also of them.

And again he denied with an oath, and said, Man, I am not; I do not know the man.

And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Surely thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Then he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man, of whom ye speak. And immediately the cock crew the second time.

And the LORD turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Then Judas, which had betrayed Jesus, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself; and he burst asunder in the midst and all his bowels gushed out.

2 Cor. 7, 10. The godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

36. Christ before Pilate.

And the whole multitude of them arose, and bound Jesus, and delivered him to Pilate, the governor.

Pilate went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They said, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and saying, that he himself is Christ, a King.

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and asked Jesus, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice.



And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, I have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. But they cried, Crucify him.

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and smote him with their hands. And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

Now Pilate brought Jesus forth again, and said unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Then delivered he Jesus to their will to be crucified.

Isa. 53, 5. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

37. The Crucifixion.

Now the soldiers of the governor took Jesus, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him; and he bearing his cross went forth into a place called Golgatha (Calvary).

And they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall; and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And there they crucified him, and two malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, and Jesus in the midst. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him.

Then said Jesus, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then said he to the disciple, Behold thy

mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And they that passed reviled him; likewise also the scribes, and elders, and the people, saying, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

And one of the malefactors railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other rebuked him, saying, Dost thou not fear God? We receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done



nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour, and the sun was darkened. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

After this, Jesus knowing that all the things were now accomplished, saith, I thirst. And straightway one of

them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he cried again with a loud voice, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.

Now the centurion, and they that were with him, feared greatly, saying, Truly, this was a righteous man; this was the Son of God.

1 John 1, 7. The blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, cleanseth us from all sin.

38. Christ's Burial.

The Jews, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

And now when the even was come, there came Joseph of Arimathaea, an honorable counsellor, who had not consented to the counsel and deed of them, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

And there came also Nicodemus, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, which was hewn out of a rock. There laid they Jesus, and rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and other women, sitting



over against the sepulchre, and beheld where he was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

Now the next day the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that the deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead. Pilate said unto them, Ye



have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as you can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Psalm 16, 9. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

39. Christ's Resurrection.

And when the sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the LORD descended from heaven, and came, and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the women said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away. When Mary Magdalene seeth the stone taken away, she runneth to tell these tidings unto the apostles.

The other women entering the sepulchre, saw a young man sitting on the right hand side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And the angel said unto them, Be not affrighted; for I know, ye seek Jesus



of Nazareth, which was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the LORD lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, and Peter, that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see him. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre with fear and great joy.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping. And she saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me, where thou hast laid

him. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Mary Magdalene went, and told them that had been with him, that she had seen the LORD.

And as the other women went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came, and held him by the feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Rom. 4, 25. Jesus, our LORD, was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

40. Christ Appeareth to his Disciples.

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be with you! But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you! As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when

they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. He that



believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

2 Tim. 2, 8. Remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.

41. The Ascension of Christ.

And Jesus showed himself alive by many infallible proofs, being seen of his disciples forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, he said unto them, Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

So then after the LORD had spoken unto them, he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven; and a cloud received him out of their sight; and he sat on the right hand of God. And while they looked



steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

John 12, 26. Where I am, there shall also my servant be.

42. Pentecost.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other



tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man speak in our own tongue, wherein we were born, the wonderful works of God? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles, him ye have crucified and slain; whom God hath raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both **LORD and Christ.**

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Joel 2, 28. And it shall come to pass, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.

43. Stephen, the Martyr.

Stephen, full of faith, did great miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the synagogue, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes; and set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law; for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us. And all that sat in the council looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Then said the high priest, Are these things so? And he said, Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One, of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers; who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.



When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, LORD Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and

cried with a loud voice, LORD, lay not this sin to their charge.

And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

Revel. 12, 11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death.

44. Saul Converted and Called.

• And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the LORD, went to the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues,



that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

And as he came near Damascus, suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven. And he fell to the

earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, LORD? And the LORD said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he, trembling and astonished, said, LORD, what wilt thou have me do? And the LORD said, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man; but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the LORD in a vision, Ananias, go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus; for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man, named Ananias, coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, LORD, I have heard of many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem; and here he hath authority to bind all that call on thy name. But the LORD said unto him, Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the LORD, even Jesus, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Then Saul was certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. And the

Jews took council to kill him; and they watched the gates day and night. Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he spake boldly in the name of the LORD Jesus; but they went about to slay him. Which when the brethren knew, they sent him forth to Tarsus.

Isa. 11, 6. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.



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